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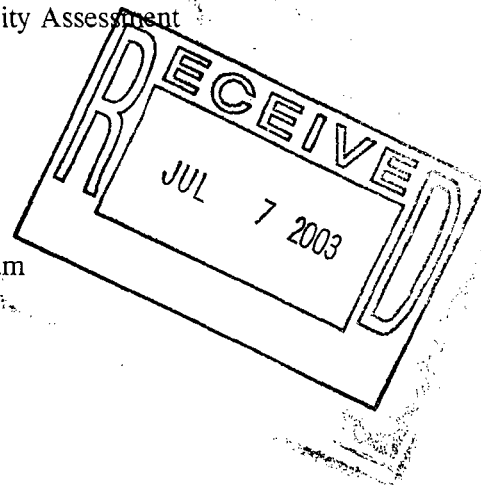


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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Environmental Evaluation and Cleanup Responsibility Assessment  
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Attention: Mr. Joseph J. Nowak, Case Manager

Subject: Sediment and Surface Water Sampling Program  
Hexcel Corporation  
Lodi Borough, Bergen County  
ISRA Case #E86009



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Dear Mr. Nowak:

This letter is in response to NJDEP's letter dated 19 May 2003, in which NJDEP accepted Hexcel's proposal to initiate the sediment and surface water sampling in mid to late July to coincide with low flow conditions in the Saddle River based on the long-term (1924-2002) monthly average for streamflow. NJDEP stated that Hexcel's proposal was acceptable as long as Hexcel confirms that the Saddle River is at a relatively low flow at the time of sample collection. In addition to requiring confirmation of relatively low flow conditions, NJDEP has required Hexcel to submit the results of the sediment and surface water sampling by 22 September 2003. NJDEP has advised Hexcel that no extensions will be granted.

Given the substantial amounts of rainfall in recent months, current stream flow statistics for the Saddle River at Lodi, New Jersey exceed long-term average values. The mean daily discharge for June 2003 was 291 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec, significantly higher than the long-term monthly average for June of 85.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec. Enclosed are the data for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) stream gage designated as the station for Saddle River at Lodi, NJ. The stream gage is located approximately 1,000 yards upstream of the Hexcel site. A plot of published monthly mean streamflow data from June 1990 to September 2002, and the recent provisional data for June 2003, for this station is enclosed.

Due to the record rainfall in June 2003, the streamflow for the Saddle River in July is anticipated to exceed the long-term average values. Evaluation of the June data indicates that, although the discharge over the past one week (since 6/26) has decreased significantly from the daily mean high of 899 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec on 1 June 2003, the discharge is still considerably higher

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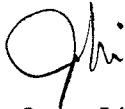
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than the long-term monthly means of 85.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec and 71.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec in June and July, respectively. In fact, the recent daily mean streamflows (since 6/26) are in the range of 109-144 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec, which is higher than the long-term averages for most months of the year.

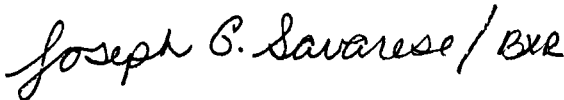
Before Hexcel initiates the proposed sampling program, Hexcel requests NJDEP's approval and confirmation that the results of sediment and surface water sampling conducted in mid to late July 2003 will be acceptable to NJDEP, including results of sampling conducted when streamflow (as measured as real-time provisional discharge values provided by USGS) is in excess of long-term average values (USGS published values). In the absence of NJDEP approval, Hexcel requests an extension to the 22 September 2003 deadline and a stream discharge value that NJDEP considers to be sufficiently representative of low flow conditions.

Given your approval by Monday, 14 July 2003, we will proceed with the approved sediment and surface water sampling proposed in Hexcel's 20 December 2002 workplan (and discussed in Hexcel's 17 April 2003 response letter to NJDEP's letter dated 24 March 2003) in mid to late July 2003 in order to meet the 22 September 2003 deadline. This letter is considered to provide Hexcel's notification of the Case Manager at least 14 days prior to implementation of all field activities.

Sincerely yours,  
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